

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A cushioning frame for a vehicle headlamp, comprising:
2 a frame adapted to attach to a vehicle behind where the headlamp is
3 normally positioned;
4 the frame comprising one or more backplates to which the headlamp is
5 secured;
6 the frame further comprising a plurality of arms along which the
7 backplates can move axially; and
8 one or more coil springs engaging between the frame and said one or
9 more backplates and effective to maintain the headlamp in a
10 normal position and to allow rearward movement of the headlamp
11 in response to a direct impact to the headlamp.

- 1 2. The headlamp cushioning frame of claim 1, wherein there is a single
2 backplate.

- 1 3. The headlamp cushioning frame of claim 1, comprising two backplates
2 and wherein a backplate spans two of said arms.

- 1 4. The headlamp cushioning frame of claim 1, comprising a backplate for
2 each arm.

1 5. A rechargeable and removable emergency lamp for a vehicle,
2 comprising:
3 a lamp having a handle and an electrical connection to a rechargeable
4 battery;
5 a rechargeable battery the lamp having a first electrical connection to
6 the lamp for powering the lamp and having second electrical
7 connection to the vehicle's electrical system for recharging the
8 battery; and
9 a first housing in which the the lamp is removably retained.

1 6. The lamp of claim 5, wherein the first housing joins to a second housing
2 attached to the body of the vehicle.

1 7. The lamp of claim 5, wherein the lamp and housing are located in the
2 vehicle's trunk.

1 8. The lamp of claim 5, wherein the lamp further comprises removeable
2 handle.

1 9. The lamp of claim 8, wherein the first electrical connection to the lamp
2 runs through the handle.

1 10. A vehicle headlamp having a housing, a bulb, and a lens, wherein the
2 improvement comprises means for changing the color of the light emanating
3 therefrom.

1 11. The headlamp of claim 10, wherein the means for changing the color
2 comprises a flexible filter disposed in front of the lens, said filter having at least two
3 areas of different colors, and further comprising means for moving the filter between
4 the at least two areas of different colors.

1 12. The headlamp of claim 11, further comprising mechanical means for
2 cleaning the filter.

1 13. The headlamp of claim 10, wherein the means for changing the color
2 comprises an electrochromic device allowing light to pass therethrough.

1 14. The headlamp of claim 10, wherein the means for changing the color
2 comprises a color wheel disposed inside the housing.